

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 10-12 and 14-27 are currently pending.

In the Office Action the Examiner indicated that claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. Accordingly, the subject matter of claim 13 has been incorporated into base claim 1 together with the limitations of intervening claims 8 and 9. Thus, it is believed that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. The remaining pending claims depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1 and thus it is believed that the remainder of the pending claims are also now in condition for allowance.

The prior art rejections set forth in the Office Action are hereby traversed. However, in view of amendments made to claims set forth above, the Applicant has not specifically addressed the prior art rejections herein but hereby reserves the right to do so in an continuing application.

In view of the above it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the applicant's undersigned representative if any further action will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event that any fees are due for entry of the present amendment the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/PPC-5053-USANP/PJH.

Respectfully submitted,

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